(d) The implementation shall follow the land acquisition and design, and is targeted for construction by the year 2003.

(e) and (f) Private sector will be involved to some extent. However, as the matter is still at the proposal stage, no details can be given.

**Poor maintenance of NHS in Andhra Pradesh**

5447. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allotted by the NHAI for repair of roads in Andhra Pradesh in 1999-2000;

(b) the amount of funds spent on this purpose in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the sections of Highways where such repairs were affected;

(d) whether any proposals for lighting stretches of highways which are accident-prone been done;

(e) if so, the funds spent on this purpose;

(f) whether it is a fact that poor maintenance is being noticed on the new construction; and

(g) the details of steps proposed to maintain the highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The expenditure incurred by NHAI on development and maintenance of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1999-2000 is as under:

| S. No. | Name of Division | Amount (Rs. lakh) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | PIU, Guntur (OECF Projects) | 89.16 |
| 2. | PIU, Vijayawada (OECF Projects) | 22.06 |
| 3. | PIU, Vijayawada (ADB) | 58.38 |
| 4. | EE NH Division Nellore | 361.40 |
| 5. | EE NH Division Visakhapatnam | 194.70 |
| 6. | EE NH Division Rajahamundari | 486.80 |
| 7. | EE NH Division Shrikakumam | 276.65 |
| 8. | EE NH Division Parvipipuram | 10.07 |
| 9. | For FDR works | 82.20 |
| | TOTAL : | 1581.42 |

(d) and (e) It is not policy of the Government of India to provide lighting as the vehicular traffic on National Highways moves under their own lights.

(f) and (g) The construction of new sections of NH by NHAI is still in progress and as such the question of poor maintenance does not arise.

**New National Highways to link ports in Gujarat**

5448. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat having the longest coast line in the country having hinterland of many States traffic plying through the State has been increased tremendously;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government intend to designate some additional roads leading to the ports a National Highways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir, the traffic on all National Highways throughout the country has increased over the years.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**National Highways in Assam**

5449. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of project-wise allocation made, amount actually released and utilised against each of the actual project work, PR and FDR in Assam during 1999-2000 indicating progress of work made so far;

(b) the allocation proposed for 2000-2001 and target fixed;

(c) the status of various bridges proposed over major rivers of Assam and over-bridges/flyovers proposed to be taken up during Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the status of the super-highway project in the North-Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The details of original allocation made, funds, utilized and expenditure incurred during 1999-2000,